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## Voters Encouraged to Vote Absentee for November Election

CITY OF REEDSBURG – Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, voters in the City of Reedsburg are strongly urged to act now to vote absentee for the November 3 General Election.

“Polls will be open in the City of Reedsburg for those who need them on Election Day, but most voters should be voting absentee for this election,” said Jacob Crosetto, City Clerk. “For that to happen, you must request an absentee ballot as soon as possible.”

Acting fast is especially important for anyone who needs to register to vote by mail, Crosetto said. If your name or address has changed since the last election, you need to register with your current information. You can check on your registration status at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> by clicking on “My Voter Info.”

If you know you are registered but cannot find yourself on the website, you should contact the Clerk’s Office or Wisconsin Elections Commission. There is possibly a typo in the spelling of your name or your date of birth. Voters who cannot find themselves on MyVote should call their Municipal Clerk’s office at (608) 524-6404.

### How to Register to Vote

For the November General Election: October 14, 2020 is the deadline for registering by mail or online. October 30, 2020 is the deadline for electors to register to vote in person in the municipal clerk’s office. After, you must register at the polling place on Election Day.

Online voter registration is available at <https://myvote.wi.gov>. There are two ways you can register using the website:

- People with a Wisconsin driver license or state ID card whose address is current with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation can complete their online registration immediately. People who need to update their address with DOT can accomplish that online and complete their online registration.
- People without a Wisconsin driver license or state ID card can fill out the voter registration form online, then print it, sign it and mail it to their municipal clerk’s office along with a proof-of residence document. The website has detailed instructions. If you do not have a printer where you are, you can save the completed form as a PDF and make arrangements to have a family member or a friend with a printer, or a copy center, to print it for you.

Voter registration forms that can be printed and filled out by hand are also available here in English: <https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-131-fillable>

Voter registration forms that can be printed and filled out by hand are also available here in Spanish: <https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-131-spanish>

Blank voter registration forms are also available at the clerk’s office, 134 South Locust Street, Reedsburg, WI 53959 during these hours: 7:30am - 4:00pm.

Remember, voter who miss the deadlines above may also register in their municipal clerk's office until the Friday before the election (Oct. 30) or at the polls on Election Day.

### **How to Request an Absentee Ballot**

There are several ways registered voters can request absentee ballots. If they have internet access, the easiest way is to sign up at MyVote Wisconsin, <https://myvote.wi.gov>.

Just look for the "Vote Absentee" button near the top of the page. On a mobile phone, use the menu button in the upper right corner of the website. There is a three-step process that starts with putting in your name and date of birth, followed by requesting your ballot. If you don't already have a photo ID on file with your clerk's office, you can upload a copy. Mobile phone users can take a picture and upload it to MyVote. Absentee ballot requests submitted this way go directly to your clerk's office, and you can track your ballot by returning to the website.

Voters can also request absentee ballots by mailing, emailing or faxing their municipal clerk's office. These requests must be accompanied by a copy of your photo ID. If you already have a photo ID on file from previous absentee requests under your current registration, you will not need to provide it again. If you need assistance in person, the Clerk's Office has staff available to help fill out the forms and make a copy of your ID. Please visit City Hall, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Voters who are indefinitely confined, meaning they may have difficulty getting to the polls for reason of age, illness, infirmity, or disability are not required to provide a photo ID. Voters in care facilities can have a representative of the facility confirm the resident's identity instead of providing a photo ID. More information on photo ID and exemptions can be found at [www.bringit.wi.gov](http://www.bringit.wi.gov)

The deadline for registered voters to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you is the Thursday before the election. However, Crosetto urges voters not to wait, stating:

"Due to possible delays in mail delivery as a result of COVID-19, voters should request ballots for the election now. Additionally, we have installed a new absentee ballot drop box in front of City Hall. This secure, weather-proof box is available for you to drop your ballot off 24 hours a day. The clerk's office staff collects ballots twice daily".

If you get an absentee ballot mailed to you, you can still decide to vote at the polls on Election Day if you haven't returned it.

Your absentee ballot must be received in your clerk's office or at your polling place by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Again, Crosetto urges voters to request and return ballots as soon as possible.

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